that the practice of placing deposits through competitive bidding has consequences for the economy, the Government has decided to continue with the above guidelines. Moreover, it was also felt that though these guidelines may lead to decrease in interest earning for some CPSEs, the move would benefit the economy at large including the borrowing CPSEs, due to overall reduction in the cost of funds.

Austerity measures taken by Government

1274. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas of austerity measures undertaken and being undertaken by the present UPA Government;

(b) the extent of total expenditure every year by the UPA Government;

(c) the extent of savings made so far; and

(d) the share of expenditure for the establishment charges in terms of salaries, other allowances and perquisites every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Ministry of Finance has *vide* Office Memorandum dated 7th September, 2009, advised all Ministries/Departments, *inter alia*, to effect mandatory cuts in Non-Plan expenditure under various heads and also issued instructions related to domestic and foreign travel, purchase of vehicles, holding of seminars and conferences etc.

(b) The net expenditure by the UPA Government for the year 2004-05 is Rs.4,98,252 crores, 2005-06 is Rs.5,05,738 crores, 2006-07 is Rs.5,83,387 crores, 2007-08 is Rs.7,12,671 crores, 2008-09 (Provisional) is Rs.8,81,469 crores.

(c) Information relating to the amounts saved so far will be available with the Ministries/Departments and their attached/subordinate offices.

(d) The expenditure on pay, allowances and travel expenses excluding Defence Services Personnel and Railways, are as follows:

	Pay	Allowances	Travel Expenses
Actuals 2004-05	103678.46	9316.91	894.80
Actuals 2005-06	10507.81	10238.15	1053.49
Actuals 2006-07	10791.73	11533.89	1084.04
Actuals 2007-08	12958.44	12098.57	1204.63
Revised Estimates 2008-09	26140.14	13421.42	1372.36
Budget Estimates 2009-10	33162.91	16579.03	1949.67

(In crores of Rs.)

Foreign loans

†1275. SHRI SHANTA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the total amount of foreign loans of various kinds on Government upto the year 2007-08;

(b) the amount being paid as interest on these loans every year; and

(c) the year-wise ratio of increase in this loan during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Total amount of foreign loans outstanding under external assistance on Government account up to the year 2007-08 is as under:

Table 1: External Assistance Outstanding on Government Account as end-March 2008 (PR)

(US$ million)

Total amount outstanding (A+B)	52,538
A. Multilateral	36,170
B. Bilateral	16,368

PR: Partially Revised

(b) The interest payment on these loans was US$ 706 million, US$ 895 million and US$ 917 million during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08, respectively.

(c) The rate of increase in these loans during last three years is as under:

Table 2: Variation in External Assistance Outstanding on Government account over previous year as at end-March (per cent)

2006	-0.4
2007 R	6.1
2008 PR	13.8

R: Revised; RP: Partially Revised.

Tax concession to State

1276. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given 100 per cent tax concessions to the States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir with a sunset clause; and

(b) whether Government is planning to extend the time frame of these concessions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir. In respect of direct taxes, the Government has given 100 per cent tax concessions to the States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir with a sunset clause. As far as indirect taxes are concerned, there is no time limit in respect of State of Jammu and